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SUBJ: VRA - POSSIBLE JAPANESE REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF ONE-THIRD
LIMITATION ON SHIPMENTS TO WEST COAST

1. TATSUO NAGANO, DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER, EXPORT DEPARTMENT -
I, NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION, TOLD ECON/COUNS OCT 3 THAT
JAPANESE STEEL EXPORTERS WERE CONCERNED OVER THEIR INA-
ABILITY TO MEET DEMAND FOR STEEL ON WEST COAST. SINCE
KAISER UNABLE MEET DEMAND ON WEST COAST, NAGANO SAID,
AMERICAN CUSTOMERS ARE PRESSING JAPANESE EXPORTERS WITH
ORDERS WHICH THEY CANNOT FILL BECAUSE OF LIMITATIONS UNDER
VRA OF JAPANESE SHIPMENTS TO WEST COAST TO ONE-THIRD OF
TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO U. S. NAGANO ASSERTED THAT JAPANESE
MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT US USERS OF STEEL WILL BRING LAW
SUIT AGAINST JAPANESE EXPORTERS AND THAT SOME HAVE AL-
READY COMPLAINED ABOUT EFFECT OF VRA LIMITATION TO THEIR
SENATORS.

2. NAGANO STATED THAT CONSIDERATION WAS BEING GIVEN TO
SENDING MISSION FROM JAPAN TO WASHINGTON TO PRESS FOR
SUSPENSION OF ONE-THIRD LIMITATION. HE STRESSED THAT NO
DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE RETURN TO JAPAN WITHIN
NEXT FEW DAYS OF TAD YAMADA. NAGANO PROMISED TO KEEP
EMBASSY ADVISED.

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